

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2008, claims 82, 83-86, 88-90, 92 and 95-100 have been amended. Claims 82-100 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 85, 86 and 95-99 were objected to because of informalities.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the claims, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to overcome the objections as suggested. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the claims does not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather merely clarifies the invention

In paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 84-86, 88-90, 92, 98 and 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to overcome the rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the claims does not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather merely clarifies the invention

In paragraph 5 on page 5 of the Office Action, claims 82-100 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Richter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended claims to more particularly distinguish the invention over the cited reference.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a printer. The printer includes therein a repository of attributes and status information associated with each print job that passes through a printer system. A job monitor is provided within the printer for managing the repository of attributes and status information associated with each print job. An interface to the job monitor is provided

for enabling communication between the job monitor and a plurality of printer components with the printer. The interface allows the printer components to access the job monitor to request access to the attributes and status information in the repository managed by the job monitor. The job monitor also enables the job monitor to respond to a call by a printer component made by the printer component through the interface and manages interactions between printer components accessing the job monitor through the interface in order for the job monitor to control the processing of the print job. Independent claims 83 and 100 include similar features.

In contrast, Richter describes a client print server link. The client print server link provides two-way communication between a client computer and a printing system. The client print server link provides detailed information regarding each print server. The client print server link also allows a client user at a client computer to access information and control each of their print jobs within a single application.

However, Richter does not describe a repository maintained in a printer. Richter also does not suggest a job monitor is provided within a printer. Richter also does not suggest an interface coupled to the job monitor and disposed within the printer for providing a way for printer components to communicate with the job monitor and to obtain access to attributes and status information kept in a repository of the printer.

Thus, Richter fails to disclose, teach or suggest the invention as defined in independent claims 82, 83 and 100.

Dependent claims 84-99 are also patentable over the references, because they incorporate all of the limitations of the corresponding independent claim 83. Further dependent claims 84-99 recite additional novel elements and limitations. Applicants reserve the right to argue


independently the patentability of these additional novel aspects. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 84-99 are patentable over the cited references.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 865-380-5976.

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